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TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Enclosed are the following documents:

Information Disclosure Sheet (w/ attached certificate of mailing)  
PTO Form 1449 (2 sheets)  
United States Patents (22 documents)  
Foreign Patents (1 document)  
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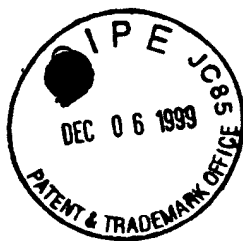
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97, 1.98

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, relating to the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants hereby submit the following in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Information or art known to the Applicants and having an extent of relevance to the present application has been listed on PTO Form 1449 attached hereto. It includes 22 United States patents and one foreign patent. The Applicants have employed PTO Form 1449 for the purposes of convenience of the Office and the Examiner. Copies of these references have been enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2).

No representation is made that the information is non-cumulative, or that the information represents the only or the best information. The Applicants do not admit that any of the information they have provided is necessarily prior to their invention but rather that it is information of which they are aware and that they believe should be provided to the Office in fulfillment of their duty of disclosure. Any question that may arise regarding priority of a specific reference shall be resolved during prosecution.

Based on the differences between the Applicants' invention as compared to the teachings and disclosures of the art provided, it is the Applicants' belief that their invention is neither anticipated nor suggested by these references. It should also be evident that none of the art provided herein accomplishes the objects of the present invention. The Applicants believe that the claims of the subject application are patentably distinct over the art of record. In the event the Examiner would care to discuss any of the disclosed art more specifically, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Applicants respectfully request that the information cited be made of record in the subject case.

The enclosed documents are being submitted for the express purpose of providing the United States Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to make an evaluation and to arrive at an independent assessment of materiality of each document to the examination of this application. The Examiner is requested to disregard any marking on the documents. Markings on the documents should not be regarded as necessarily pointing out the portions of the documents regarded by the Applicants as relevant to the subject application.

#### **IDENTIFICATION OF TIME OF FILING THE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing of a first office action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is due with this filing of the Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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